Mitsubishi Plans for Investment in Indian Core Sector

756. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: DR. SANJAYA SINH: SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mitsubishi Group of Japan has announced recently that it would be going ahead with a big investment plan in India in several core sectors;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the areas in which Mitsubishi is already operating in our country and the new areas in which it proposes to invest or go for joint ventures now;

(c) whether any high level delegation from Japan proposes to visit India in this regard; and

(d) whether Foreign Investment Promotion Board approval would be necessary when any company wants to go beyond 51 percent foreign participation in the country, if so, please give details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) M/s. Asahi Glass Company Ltd., a member of the Mitsubishi Group of companies, is proposing to set up a float glass project in India. It has alredy an approval for 40% foreign equity. The company has indicated that encouraged by recent liberalisations in India, M/s. Asahi Glass Company would propose an increase in its equity to 51% in the float glass project in India. It was also indicated that a sister company of the Asahi Glass Company also proposes to set up related ventures. Mitsubishi Kasaei and Mitsubishi Petrochemical companies are also planning to set up joint venture in petrochemical projects in India. These are likely to be in the area of propylene an proplene derivatives. The Chairman of the Mitsubishi Group companies has also indicated that they would be sending an investment missions to India to explore the possibilities of more joint ventures.

(d) As per the existing procedures, foreign equity proposals, up to 51% foreign equity, under certain conditions are approved by the RBI under the automatic route. All other proposals are to be submitted for approval to the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals.

Loan Given by IFC and IDBI

757. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount loaned for industrial development purposes by Industrial Finance Corporation and Industrial Development Bank of India, during last 5 years, years-wise, sector-wise (Public Sector and Private Sector); and

(b) what are the total borrowings by Tatas, Birlas, Dasturs, Ambanis and Nasali Wadias and the total amount put under bad debts by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The total amounts disbursed by IDBI and IFCI during the last five years (Sector-wise) are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIII, Annexure No. 13].

(b) The total borrowing outstanding from the Tatas, Birlas, Ambanis and Nasali Wadias as on 31-3-91 are given below:

	(Rs. in crores)		
	IDBI	IFCI	Total
1. Tatas	126.46	31.26	157.71
2. Birlas	626.10	152.82	778.92
3. Ambanis	251.07	173.33	424.40
4. Nasali Wadias	8.00	3.01	11.01